

consider certain placements for certain children; correcting an obsolete reference; and generally relating to children in out-of-home placement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–816.1(c)(3) and 3–823(i) and (j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–823(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 5–525(d) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3–816.1.

(c) In making its findings in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, the court shall consider:

(3) For a hearing under § 3–823 of this subtitle, whether a local department has provided appropriate services that facilitate the achievement of a permanency plan for the child, **INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF IN-STATE AND OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENT OPTIONS;**

3–823.

(i) (1) In this subsection, “preadoptive parent” means an individual whom a child placement agency, as defined in § 5–101 of the Family Law Article, approves to adopt a child who has been placed in the individual’s home for adoption before the order of adoption.

(2) (I) If practicable, **BEFORE ANY HEARING CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTION**, the local department shall give at least [7] 10 days’ notice